# Mountain Weather Forecast

## Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 14 Aug 2020 until 23:59 on Saturday 15 Aug 2020

Forecast Issued on Friday 14 Aug 2020 at 04:11 by Met Office Aberdeen

**Confidence:** High a rather quiet theme with light winds and little rain for much of the period, with the west most often brightest, while cloudier conditions and banks of low cloud will be more liable to persist further east. Perhaps turning more showery towards midweek.

**Headline for Friday 14 Aug 2020:** Low cloud clearing from most hills through the morning then long sunny spells for most ranges.

**Mountain weather hazards on Friday 14 Aug 2020**

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|---|---|---|
| **Blizzards**<br>No Likelihood | **Heavy Snow**<br>No Likelihood | **Storm force winds**<br>No Likelihood |
| **Gales**<br>No Likelihood | **Severe chill effect**<br>No Likelihood | **Poor visibility**<br>Medium Likelihood |
| **Thunderstorms**<br>No Likelihood | **Heavy persistent rain**<br>No Likelihood | **Strong sunlight**<br>High Likelihood |

| **Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m** | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Time | | | | | |
| 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 |
| | | | | | |
| Fog | Mist | Sunny intervals | Sunny | Sunny | Cloudy |
| Precipitation probability | | | | | |
| 10% | 00% | 00% | 00% | 00% | <05% |

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**Weather:** A cloudy, misty start with a small chance of a little drizzle early on. Cloud will slowly lift and break up through the morning, with UV then becoming the main hazard of note. Far northern and eastern hills may hang onto cloud into the afternoon and this cloud will spread west again through the evening.

**Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m:** 20% at first, becoming 80% through morning. Areas of cloud from low slopes upwards at first although ground above 900m may stand clear above it. The cloud will disperse from most hills but may continue to shroud hills in far north and east.

**Visibility:** Poor at first and remaining rather hazy under cloud in the far north and east, otherwise becoming good.

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**Forecast for Friday 14 Aug 2020**

| Height (m) | Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1000** | 8/9 S | 7/9 N | 5/8 NW | 6/10 NW | 4/7 N | 5/8 E | 7/10 E |
| **900** | 6/7 S | 5/7 N | 4/7 NW | 5/9 NW | 4/7 N | 5/8 E | 7/10 E |
| **600** | 3/4 NW | 5/7 NE | 5/8 N | 5/9 N | 4/7 N | 4/6 NE | 5/8 E |
| **300** | 1/2 SE | 1/3 SE | 3/7 SW | 3/8 NW | 2/6 NW | 3/6 NE | 3/6 E |
| **Glen** | 1/1 W | 2/4 W | 4/7 W | 5/9 W | 4/7 W | 3/5 SW | 2/4 W |

| Height (m) | Temperature / Feels Like (°C) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1000** | 13/12 | 12/11 | 13/13 | 14/14 | 15/15 | 13/12 | 12/11 |
| **900** | 13/12 | 12/12 | 14/14 | 15/14 | 15/15 | 13/13 | 12/11 |
| **600** | 13/13 | 14/13 | 15/15 | 16/16 | 16/16 | 14/14 | 13/12 |
| **300** | 13/13 | 16/16 | 18/19 | 18/19 | 17/18 | 14/14 | 13/13 |
| **Glen** | 13/14 | 16/16 | 18/18 | 18/18 | 16/17 | 14/14 | 14/14 |
| **Freezing Level*** | 2500m | 2400m | 2500m | 2500m | 2500m | 2500m | 2500m |

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

**Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View**
Temperatures in the glens reaching 22 or 23 Celsius in the west, but much cooler under cloud cover in the north and east.

**Forecast for Saturday 15 Aug 2020**

**Weather:** Low cloud at first but slowly dispersing from most hills to leave plenty of sunshine. Eastern ranges around Ben Wyvis perhaps staying cloudy. Cloud may generate light drizzle at times, more likely early and late in the east. Winds will again be light throughout.

**Maximum wind:** Variable 10mph, mainly dominated by local terrain. Up-valley more likely from late morning, stronger down-valley into the evening.

**Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m:** 20% at first becoming 80% as low cloud disperses. Remaining 20% across the far eastern hills.

**Visibility:** Poor in places at first but improving to moderate in parts of the east and widely good in the west.

**Temperature:** **Glens:** Around plus 8 Celsius at dawn in western glens rising to 21 Celsius in sunnier areas by day
**At 800m:** Around plus 13 Celsius
**Freezing level:** Well above the summits.

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